

1 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80**

2 (By Senators Plymale, Wells, Beach, Browning, Edgell, Foster,
3 Laird, Stollings, Tucker, Unger and Boley)
4 [Originating in the Committee on Education]
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6 Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the
7 feasibility and potential methods of making the WESTEST2
8 results count as part of students' grades in order to better
9 motivate student performance on the test.

10 Whereas, Some students are not fully motivated to perform
11 their best on the WESTEST2; and

12 Whereas, The WESTEST2 would be a more accurate measure of
13 students' performance and progress if students were more motivated
14 to perform on the test; and

15 Whereas, Making the WESTEST2 results count as part of
16 students' grades would be one method of motivating students to
17 perform on the WESTEST2; and

18 Whereas, Obstacles to counting the WESTEST2 results as part of
19 students' grades must be addressed; therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

21 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby
22 requested to study the feasibility and potential methods of making
23 the WESTEST2 results count as part of students' grades in order to

1 better motivate student performance on the test; and, be it

2 *Further Resolved*, That the study at least shall consider such
3 issues as the time it takes to obtain the test results, which
4 grades the WESTEST2 should count toward and how to address the
5 logistics of student promotion and retention if the WESTEST2
6 results count toward the final grades of the school year and the
7 WESTEST2 results are not obtained until late in the summer; and, be
8 it

9 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
10 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on
11 its findings, conclusions and recommendations; and, be it

12 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this
13 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
14 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on
15 Government and Finance.